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A Crime Against Society.

A demand is expressed in various parts of the country for the enactment of a law in the first degree of attempt upon the lives of public officials, regardless of jurisdiction and especially regardless of results. The same demand was voiced while President McKinley lay at Buffalo, apparently on the verge of death, and the wound inflicted by Colquhoun. Now it is repeated in view of the attempt upon Mayor Gaynor's life, which has happily proved unsuccessful. The mayor is now rapidly regaining his health, and thus the crime of the man who would kill him is reduced to a degree far less than that of the motive with which he pulled the trigger. He is at this hour no less a murderer in intent than though his shot had instantly taken his victim's life.

The fact that the mayor was not mortally wounded does not lessen the crime, nor the fact that the man has himself expressed remorse for his deed. The evil example set by him remains as dangerous as ever. The attack upon organized society stands in all its outrageous significance. Indeed, the recovery of the mayor adds to the argument for the consideration of this case as one of unqualified capital crime. If a disgruntled office-holder can shoot and wound without killing and escape the utmost penalty, why may not another shoot with cunning design to wound and not to kill, gain his brief hour of notoriety without risking his life and stand his chance for a pardon or a short imprisonment under the supposedly humane laws of a complacent commonwealth?

Whatever virtue there is in the system of capital punishment lies in its potency as a deterrent. It should be regarded not as an act of vengeance, but as a safeguard against recurrent crime. That capital punishment does not wholly prevent crime is beside the mark. It stands today the well known universal law of our time, and other countries. It is the existing effort of society to defend itself, and as long as it is prescribed for such crimes as murder, the taking of human life with malice and deliberation, it should be extended to murderous attempts to kill. The fatal result is avoided by some providential dispensation for which the criminal is in no degree responsible.

Especially important is it that the lives of public officials, chosen by the community to do its work and to discharge its obligations, should be protected by the law. The man who challenges them with duties which are in their nature calculated to give offense to certain classes of people. The man in office who conducts himself with regard solely for the public welfare and not necessarily make enemies. The law that places him in such a position of danger and responsibility should surround him with exceptional safeguards, making it a crime punishable with death for any man to raise hand against him with murderous design.

Relative Rank of Cities.

When the population figures for Newark, N. J., were announced the other day The Star noted the fact that Washington had lost a point in the relative rank of the cities, dropping from number 15 to number 16 unless it should prove, as was altogether improbable, that some of the cities ranking above in 1900 had found ground on this count. The census of Milwaukee has just been claimed and Washington's chance to hold its former rank disappears. Milwaukee, which has for ten years stood just above the National Capital in point of size, has in that time gained 88,542 in population, or 31 per cent, having now 378,577, as against Washington's 351,000. The city next above Milwaukee in 1900 was Detroit, with a population of 285,704, or only 380 individuals more than the Wisconsin metropolis. New Orleans was just above Detroit with 1,600 more people. If Detroit gains the point, it will go above Cincinnati, which has relatively lost ground, having been passed by Milwaukee, which in 1900 was four points below it. To keep ahead of Milwaukee Detroit must gain 88,133. Such a gain would be likely to carry it well above New Orleans, which it is at present likely to outrank in the new rating. Pittsburgh's gain of 211,960 in ten years, while a disappointment to the local pride, has nevertheless carried it above Cincinnati and will probably land it above San Francisco, with a population of 275,000. The next place just below Boston, by passing Baltimore, Cleveland and Buffalo. The race between these four cities is likely to be the most interesting of the entire census competition.

The Sagamore smile does not always bear transplanting to the New York mainland. Uncle Joe Cannon leans hard on the proposition that he is neither a beginner in politics nor a quitter.

W. J. Bryan may suspect that, like Nebraska, New York does not know a favorite son when it sees one.

One Criticism of Alfonso.

One criticism of King Alfonso is based upon his absence from home at a time of great gravity for his country. His enemies charge that it is an evidence of incapacity for large affairs. The king left, it will be remembered, when the controversy with the Vatican was raging, and on the eve of that threatened demonstration in San Sebastian, which was attracting world-wide attention.

On its face there was ground for wonder at his course. Home seemed to be the place for him. His enemies in both church and state were astir, and his ministers were alert and anxious. Had San Sebastian flamed up on that Sunday morning and started a general conflagration, the king abroad would have presented a strange figure.

It was not timidity that directed the king's steps. He has shown himself to be a brave man. He comes of courageous stock on both sides of the house. His mother particularly demonstrated in office qualities of wisdom and decision.

tiller her to a high place among her contemporaries. He has carried himself well in the presence of bomb throwers, and has tackled the anarchist problem in his realm with resolution.

Hence the speculation that arose as to the reason for his journey. Could it be pleasure, as alleged? Was it the proper time to be visiting his "wife's house" on a mere social jaunt? Was there not business on hand of a character to occupy him in his own house? Yachting in English waters with the idle rich was poor business for a monarch at a time when the affairs of his people were much disturbed.

Could it be that he was off to take counsel of outsiders? Would he seek "clericalism" in France as to warfare with clericalism, and "pointers" in England as to establishing his new policy with respect to the church? And what material would he gather, and to what uses would he put it?

Whatever was in his mind when he left, the king must have had great confidence in his premier; and the premier so far has justified it. He has handled the situation with force and success.

The prospect and the plan of the government's enemies at San Sebastian, and that show of preparedness on his part has had a quieting effect all over the country. It looks now as if the controversy would be settled without bloodshed, or revolution, to the advantage of both sides.

Mr. Bryan and Indiana.

The momentous question has been settled. Mr. Bryan, by formal invitation, will participate in the Indiana campaign. Chairman Jackson at last yielded to pressure. Hoosier admirers of the peerless leader would not be denied. St. Simons, I reckon I know the constable business. By letting a few go past I set up a feeling of confidence 'an' by 'I'll git a bunch 'w' while'.

The itinerary has not yet been arranged. Probably the first speech will be made at New Albany, the principal city of the third congressional district and a Hoosier suburb of Louisville. At that point Mr. Bryan will be able to hear with one address the democrats of two states. The Kentuckians can ferry across the Ohio river in force, and help swell the crowd.

There is a good deal of dry territory in that part of Indiana, and Mr. Bryan's presence will not endanger democratic prospects. If he chooses to say a word against the saloon in politics he will probably be applauded. Local sentiment there agrees with him on that point.

But where else in the state will he be assigned for speech? It would be no politics to gerrymander his visit, so to say—run him about on crooked lines to take in dry sections and avoid wet ones. Whatever he may say on temperance at one place will be printed next day by the newspapers and circulated all over the commonwealth.

If Mr. Bryan decides to say nothing about the temperance question he will lay himself open to criticism for catfodness. Does he not know that the temperance question is very much alive in Indiana? Does he not know that the saloon and brewery and distillers are the friends and supporters of his friend Mr. Kern? Mr. Kern's hope is truly in them. Not all of Mr. Bryan's eloquence would avail if the man who eighteen months ago sent Mr. Shively to the Senate were now to oppose, or even become indifferent to, Mr. Kern.

The situation bristles with embarrassments. If Mr. Bryan keeps mum on temperance he will be accused not only of cowardice, but of accepting in Indiana the company he declines and scorns at home. He will be charged with having distillers and their retail agents be drawn out of politics in Nebraska, and in Indiana receive Mr. Bryan's countenance and co-operation? If he speaks out, man and Bryan fashion, on this subject so near his heart, how will Mr. Kern and other democratic candidates be helped?

Nevada and Fists.

The prize fight at Reno, which he witnessed, seems to have done him in such position of danger and responsibility should surround him with exceptional safeguards, making it a crime punishable with death for any man to raise hand against him with murderous design.

Those ingenious Europeans who thought Mr. Roosevelt was on his high and dry charge of America as a dictator must feel a little shocked.

At a distance Esperanto looks like a scholarly vindication of the typographical error.

The "stinging rebuke" is an amusing insect that keeps a lot of people guessing where it is going to alight next.

The Early Marriage Evil.

A wise New York judge, looking down from his bench at a defendant and defendant in an abandonment case and noting their years, was moved to remark upon the evil of early marriages. These young people were married when the wife was seventeen and the husband nineteen. Now husband has deserted his wife, leaving her with a child of two years.

When that has been secured the details of particular regulation may be considered, with the view of causing marriage to be more seriously weighed by the young and by all parents. The existing standards of marital fitness, in our cities especially, are pitifully inadequate. Parental neglect of the moral and mental of their boys and girls is responsible for untold suffering.

A Los Angeles woman weighing 300 pounds has been sued for divorce, her husband alleging that she ran after him and beat him with a section of garden hose. The lady was merely trying to reduce.

A folding gas range has been invented. A ham sandwich that assumes normal size only when a spring is released would be a space-saving invention worth thinking about.

Mr. Pearre of Maryland evidently realizes that a man may sometimes make many friends by meeting a resignation rumor half way and shaking hands with it.

The fact that Esperanto is not rich in expletives and forms of oburgation may restrain some of our scholarly statesmen from feeling any immediate interest in it.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Waiting Game.
"You let two automobile scorchers get by without saying a word to 'em!" "Don't you worry!" replied St. Simons. "I reckon I know the constable business. By lettin' a few go past I set up a feeling of confidence 'an' by 'I'll git a bunch 'w' while'."

A Surprised Citizen.
Two comes in one summer!
An' no one drawin' nigh!
To tell us there's an extra charge
For lookin' at the sky!

A Doubtful Proposition.
"The bohemian life is the one that is frank and sincere," said the man with the artistic temperament.
"But I can't help having my doubts about the frankness and sincerity of anybody who tries to convince you that he enjoys being broke."

Bad Luck.
"Did your husband bring home any fish?"
"No," replied young Mrs. Torkins. "I understand Charlie had bad luck on this trip. He got into a game of cards and lost the money he took with him to buy fish."

Desperate Campaigning.
"Why do you insist on staying at a hotel where there are no electric lights?"
"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "I've got to convince some of those backwoods constituents of mine that I am still a plain, unsophisticated fellow-citizen, unused to habits of luxury. If necessary I'm going to leave a call with the clerk for a quarter to twelve and blow out the gas at eleven-thirty."

The Spell of Distance.

When winter ruled a frosty scene
I longed for songbirds gay,
The babbling of a brook serene
The humming of a bee at play.

But when the old year moved along
To sunny summertime
I heard in dreams the cheery song
Of songbirds all a-chime.

So let's beware of the deceit
That fancy always brings,
An' pluck the blossoms at our feet—
An' hark, whatever sings.

For if you heed her soft complaint,
You'll find that I am still
You'll always wish for things that ain't,
Instid' o' things that are.

Credit Side of Rural Delivery.

From the Boston Transcript.
A Connecticut rural mail carrier, who evidently performs his service with an observant eye and a receptive mind, writes to the Springfield Republican that he has seen a great deal printed and has heard more said about the great cost of the rural free delivery system, but very little on the side of the profit. These are not so easy to determine, but he is confident from his experience that they exist and to a very appreciable amount. While they do not appear on the surface, they are indicated in many ways. If they do not come back to the government in money somebody gets the benefit. For instance, on his route of twenty-two miles he delivers twenty-four daily papers where none were taken before and where none would be taken now were the service discontinued. Since the route was established the number of pieces of mail matter handled has increased from less than three hundred to more than five hundred a month, while the number collected is more than three times what it was at the start.

The Future of Flying.

From the Providence Bulletin.
Most persons have thought of aviation as a dangerous sport and commercial enterprise in aviation there could never be much assurance of safety in case of an accident. The achievement of flying in aviation is a matter of life and death. But judging by the serious efforts which the French National Aerial League is making to invest safety devices aviation may yet be comparatively free from danger. Pneumatic clothes to break a short fall and a specially contrived parachute to retard long falls, measures which are already in the minds of French experts, and the use of the flying machine less dangerous it will advance from one device to another more ingenious and efficacious. The fact that the army will induce the public to take up aviation must drive the interests commercially engaged in the field to extraordinary efforts to eliminate all serious danger.

Crimes of Violence.

From the Hartford Times.
There is good authority for the opinion that crimes of violence are increasing in this country, and too often go unpunished. The various attempts are made to explain the fact. Out of all the explanations that which seems most nearly to answer to the conditions finds the real trouble in the fact that crimes of violence are not punished with certainty and promptness by the law. The machinery intended to shield the innocent protects the guilty. The criminal is made the object of attraction. A year elapses before he is found to be guilty, then comes a new trial granted on technicalities.

Spread of Insurgency.

From the Kansas City Star.
Alaska has elected an insurgent delegate to Congress. Indeed, the only place that have not gone insurgent this year are those that have not had a chance.

CANDIES

WANTS GOOD.
MEXICAN KISSES made by our own candymaker, so we can vouch for their being delicious. Almond and peach cans; 1b. 29c
CHOCOLATE NON-PAREILS, fresh lot tomorrow at 1b. 19c
KANN'S CAPITAL KANDY—Take a box on your week-end outing. The contents will give pleasure. Over 100 different kinds of chocolates and bonbons on hand at 1b. 35c
First Floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

Tea Kettles, of best solid metal, fitted with standard safety valves, that will keep correct time, and long. 59c
Round Cloths, of full grade willow, with strong bottoms and attached covers, family size. 69c
Brackets, of solid copper, nicely refinished; reinforced bottoms and strongly riveted handles; will not rust or corrode and are absolutely safe. No. 8. 1.98
Extra Coin Silver-plated Table Ware, popular headed border pattern. Special prices for Saturday:
Tea Spoons, each. 4c
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Neckfixings

Entirely New Fall Styles
Pretty new things in Neckwear arriving daily. The latest are the Persian Accordion Boys with long ends and edges of red, Copenhagen, navy, green, old rose and lavender. 25c
EMBROIDERED LINEN COLLARS, turn-down or Dutch style, not all sizes in every design; worth 25c and 50c; choice. 12 1/2c
REVERSIBLE SWEETENED TIES, 4-in-hand style, pretty combination of colors; worth 50c; for 25c
EMBROIDERED MULL DUTCH COLLARS in pretty designs that are worth 10c
NEW RUCHINGS, Persian combinations, white and silk cord and other neckwear, worth 25c
First Floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

A Handbag You Want

Regularly \$3 Tomorrow, \$1.98
Made of fine seal grain leather on 11-inch frames; 8 1/2 inches deep. Have single handle straps, and fitted with card case, purse and mirror. Leather lined. A very rich and distinctive. 25c
ALSO a 10-inch Bag made of real leather, with single strap handles, leather or moire lining and fitted with purse selling regularly at \$1.49. Special tomorrow 98c
First Floor—Leather Goods Dept.

Women's Hosiery

WOMEN'S COBWEB Lisle Hose, in black and tan; spliced heels and deeper garter tops reinforced. 25c
WOMEN'S COBWEB Lisle Hose, full regular made, in black, white and tan, spliced heels and deeper garter tops. A 35c
Or three pairs for \$1.00

A Really Big Bargain Offering!

\$4 Black Taffeta Silk Waists for \$2.25
Marvelous, isn't it, to be able to sell a Black Chiffon Taffeta (not finish) Waist for \$2.25? Made with front of cluster tucking and one-fourth-inch pleats between; tucked back; stock and cuffs; finished with silk buttons down front of waist. There are only 300 waists in this special purchase lot and we believe there will be more than 300 women who will want these waists Saturday. They are very suitable for fall wear, the style being one of the new models.
Second Floor—Waist Section.

FUR COATS ARE SELLING "BIG" In the August Fur Sale

Women recognize the big advantages to be gained by buying NOW. Here they are in brief:
1. Since the fourth of almost a half. We absolutely guarantee furs to be of correct styles. We guarantee satisfaction in every respect, or the furs can be returned and the money refunded promptly any time before November 15.
2. All furs bought now will be put away in cold storage without extra charge until required later.
3. The purchase money reserves any fur in the sale. NOW. HAVEN'T YOU EVERYTHING TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE BY BUYING NOW? These Fur Coats are great values and are extremely stylish:
GENUINE BALISTIC SEAL COAT, 36 inches long, made of selected skins; with long rolling shawl collar; cut in the three-button, long lapel effect; sleeves plain or finished with Skimmers satin on beautiful brocade satin. WINTER SALE PRICE. \$37.50
GENUINE RUSSIAN PONY COAT, 36 inches long, made of beautiful fur; with long rolling shawl collar; cut in the three-button, long lapel effect; sleeves plain or finished with Skimmers satin on beautiful brocade satin. WINTER SALE PRICE. \$52.50
GENUINE RUSSIAN PONY COAT, 36 inches long, made of beautiful fur; with long rolling shawl collar; cut in the three-button, long lapel effect; sleeves plain or finished with Skimmers satin on beautiful brocade satin. WINTER SALE PRICE. \$75.00
GENUINE RUSSIAN PONY COAT, 36 inches long, made of beautiful fur; with long rolling shawl collar; cut in the three-button, long lapel effect; sleeves plain or finished with Skimmers satin on beautiful brocade satin. WINTER SALE PRICE. \$42.50

CAKES

—as cheaply as you can make them, and you eliminate all the trouble, worry and uncertainty. Try one tomorrow. They're sure. You'll like them.
Peach Cake, square. 10c
Spiced Pound Cake, each. 10c
Raisin Pound Cake, each. 10c
Gold Leaf Cake, each. 10c
Sponge Leaf Cake, each. 10c
Jelly Rolls, each. 10c
Ribbon Cakes—Cocoanut, Chocolate, Vanilla and Orange, each. 30c
Pound, Fruit and Walnut Cakes, pound. 30c

CLOSE 6 P.M. TOMORROW

KANN'S SONS & CO.
8th ST. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"

Water or Ice Tea Tumblers, of finest plain, thin-bottom crystal glass; box size; pretty shades. 3c
Water or Milk Pitchers, of stout clear colorless glass; handsome shape and 14-gallon size. 25c
2 1/2 Gallon Cans, of extra grade triple-coated galvanized iron, with strongly riveted handles and strong bottoms; complete with covers; 5 and 10 gallon sizes. 79c
Mason's Best Quality Mason-made Fruit Jar, with porcelain-lined screw caps and complete with rubber; choice of glass or quart. 49c
Double Bakers, of best quality enameled iron; self-heating and browning; warranted in every way; size 10x15. 19c

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SOAPS

Six Cakes for 21c
Not more than six cakes to a customer.
Wool, Star, Cincinnati Oilex, Babitt's, Swift's Pride Washing Powder, Swift's Pride Laundry, Ammonia for Red 2 1/2 inches wide and fitted with gill, black and nickel buckles. Special. 25c
Black Patent Leather Belts, 2 inches wide, with handsome novelty pearl buckles. 49c
First Floor—Leather Goods Dept.

Tomorrow As a Special Offering

We Shall Sell Beautiful Dresses
Worth Up to \$39.75 at
Choice, \$15.50
That means any Lingerie Dress in stock is yours for \$15.50. There are net, pongee, fancy lingerie, messaline and satin dresses. In the most dainty effects imaginable. Some are all-over nets with embroidery appliques and insertings, others are nets elaborately embroidered and trimmed, others are combinations of dainty sheer lingerie cloth with cluny or val laces and embroideries.

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JEWELRY

GERMAN SILVER MESH BAGS, worth \$2.65, pretty 5-in. frame, floral designs, kid lining which can be removed and cleaned. Choice. \$1.95
GERMAN SILVER BAG, worth \$2.65, 6-in. kid lined 6-in. fancy frame. Special at \$1.95
NEW BROOCH PINS, in coral setting, bar crescent and oval shapes, regularly \$1.00. Sale price, 49c
GOLD-PLATED CUFF LINKS, plain and fancy styles, each pair guaranteed to last, regularly \$1.00. Sale price, 39c
STERLING SILVER HAT PINS, spike top, engraved and plain, large size, regularly \$1.00. Sale price, 49c
LORGNETTE CHAINS, genuine silver metal, 80 in. long, regularly \$1.00. Sale price, 49c
COLLAR PINS, 2 in. set, solid gold fronts and 14 kt. gold-plated backs, with set stones, mounted to wear, regularly 80c. Sale price, 25c
BELT PINS AND BUCKLES, gold plated, oxidized and French styles, with set stones, amethyst, topaz, sapphire and emerald, regularly \$1.00. Sale price, 49c
BELT PINS, in oxidized and gold plate, fancy styles, with or without stone settings, regularly 80c. Sale price, 25c
TUTTI FRUITI, 5c
Served as a Sundae.
Usually 10c at most fountains. Tomorrow only, 5c at ours. First Floor.

Men's and Women's Umbrellas, \$2.50

Wouldn't you have been able to put to good use an umbrella this week? It should remind you to buy one tomorrow for the other rainy days to come. We've a great value in Piece-dyed Taffeta Umbrellas, some with tape edges, all with silken cases and choice of fancy silver or gold plated caps and the best plain wood sticks.
The men's umbrellas have the always popular plain wood crook handle. Worth a great deal more than the price asked.
SILK PARASOLS—Closing out a lot of the \$2.50 kind, in all colors and the newest contents of the summer, at choice.
\$2.50
\$1.98

Wash Beltings, 5c

New lot for Saturday's buyers. Plain or embossed designs. Lengths 27 to 38 inches—First Floor.

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Pretty Wearables For Children

MIDDY BLOUSES, sizes 6 to 18 years, made of white jean with dark blue sailor collar braid trimmings. \$1.00
STRAW SAILORS, with mixed straw outer edge and red or blue ribbons. Reduced to 25c
STRAW BONNETS, faced with blue, rose or white silk chiffon and ribbon trimmings. \$3.00
SCHOOL DRESSES, of plain or striped material, sizes 8 to 14 years. \$1.00
BATHING SUITS for young girls 10 to 16 years; made of blue moire and with inlaid light blue collar trimmings and multi-colored braid. \$2.75
Special.

Four Cakes Fairy Soap for .10c

Sanitol Tooth Powder or Paste, 11c
Pears' Unscented Soap. 10c
Munyon's Witch Hazel Soap, cake. 10c
Euthymol Tooth Paste, two for 25c
Southern Broom. 10c
Found can of Borated Talcum. 10c
Johnson's Toilet Talc. 10c
G.C. Large Bath Cloth. 10c
Tomorrows special. 10c
Rimac Greaseless Cream, 3/4 size. 20c
Dandierie Hair Tonic. 10c

Children's Hosiery

CHILDREN'S FINE Black Lisle, 1 1/2 to 5 1/2, reinforced knees, heels and toes, fast black. 25c
CHILDREN'S SCHOOL Hosiery, made of the Egyptian cotton, double thread throughout; 1x1 and 2x2 ribbed.
Sizes 6 to 9, a pair. 25c
10 to 11, a pair. 25c
12 to 14, a pair. 35c

15c-Sheet Music Sale-15c

Remick's 10 Big Song Hits and Over 1,000 Others, Vocal and Instrumental Numbers
Forty-eight of the season's real hits arranged for the dance. The numbers in this folio sell regularly at 15c a copy, and if purchased separately would cost \$2. Note contents—the very latest popular compositions arranged for piano solo. Two-step, waltzes, three-steps, barn dances, marches, polkas and schottisches. This is Folio No. 10—just out.

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